



**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 13 August 2025** commencing at 2.06pm.

**PARTICIPATION:**

L Brand	K Hedberg BVSc
S Oliver	K Charnock
S Hannigan ( <b>by Zoom</b> )	G Vernon ( <b>by Zoom</b> )
S McFadden	A McIlrath ( <b>by Zoom</b> )
J Bryson	A Moy
G Spagnolo	N Curwen ( <b>by Zoom</b> )
L Brown ( <b>by Zoom</b> )	V Harris
C Rafton	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)  
L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)  
**For part of meeting:** A Khamis (Operations Manager)  
**For part of meeting via Zoom:**  
D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** G Spagnolo

MOVED A Moy  
**THAT** the apologies be **accepted**.  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**CARRIED**

#### **A. Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED S Oliver  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** Directors **note** that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board at Item 5.1 of the Board of Directors meeting held on 8 December 2021, **this Board meeting is being recorded** for the purposes of confirmation of the Minutes and once confirmed at a future Meeting the recording will then be deleted.

**CARRIED**

### **IN CAMERA**

#### **1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED A Moy  
**THAT** the Minutes of the following Board Meetings be **confirmed**.  
1.1 **Electronic Motion – 30/7/2025**  
1.2 **Electronic Motion – 31/7/2025**  
1.3 **Electronic Meeting – 1/8/2025**

**CARRIED**

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## **PURELY DOGS**

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## **2. PRIORITY MATTERS**

### **2.1 Strategic Planning**

#### **2.1.1 Strategic Planning Working Party - Appointment of Members**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** an Expression of Interest be published in the September 2025 Magazine calling for person with specific qualifications/skill set to be appointed as members of the Strategic Planning Working Party.

**CARRIED**

## **3. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA**

### **3.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL**

### **3.2 Operations Manager's Report**

#### **3.2.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 1.3: Update to DOGS NSW Extreme Weather Policy**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Board approve the revision of DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 19: Extreme Weather Policy to replace references to the Grounds Committee with the Operations Manager and Grounds Supervisor, in line with the Board's resolution of 9 October 2024.

**CARRIED**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Operations Manager's Reports be **received**.

**CARRIED**

### **3.3 Finance Committee – 24/6/2025**

#### **3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.5: Provision of Life-Saving Portable Defibrillators to Regional Areas**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW covers the cost of the maintenance on the defibrillators in the Regional areas.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown ABSTAINED*

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3.3.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 30 June 2025**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Financial Statements as @ 30 June 2025 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown ABSTAINED*

3.3.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 10.1.2: Upgrade 20 Non-Powered Camping Sites to Powered and Watered Sites**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Board approve for the upgrade of the 20 non-powered camping sites to powered sites with water access, recognising this as a financially sound investment with a short payback period and long-term revenue benefit.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown ABSTAINED*

***For the Office: Reconfirmation of expenditure is required in no less than 14 days as per Articles 50.***

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown ABSTAINED*

3.4 **Judges Committee – 28/7/2025**

3.4.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 3.5: Age & Health of Judges**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Fitness to Judge form be approved.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, G Vernon, L Brown AGAINST*

3.4.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 5.2: Harriers & Ramps**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW submit a Motion to the ANKC Ltd October 2025 Board meeting for Harriers to be removed from the list of Ramp Breeds.

**CARRIED**

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3.4.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 5.3: Dogs Australia Judges Contract**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** page 4 of the current Dogs Australia Judges Contract be removed;

**AND**

**THAT** it is also proposed that the contract be clearly marked Dogs Australia Judges Contract (Australia & NZ Judges).

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the above Recommendation be amended to include the words “*and be forwarded to Dogs Australia for inclusion on the Agenda for the ANKC Ltd October 2025 Board meeting*”.

**CARRIED**

The amendment became the Motion and the Motion was

**CARRIED**

3.4.6 **Recommendation 6 – Item 5.5: Regulation Changes – From Show Committee**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Recommendation 6, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clauses 4.2, which currently reads:-

4.2 *A Judge who has judged a Breed or Breeds or Classes of Breed or Breeds (other than Special Prize Classes) at a Show recognised by any Member Body of ANKC shall not, (except in Classes of Special Prizes) or, otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors):-*

(a) (i) *Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within 250 kilometres by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than four (4) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Judges Contracts received by the Office of DOGS NSW after 1 July 2020 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (02/21)*

(ii) ***Deleted 06/22***

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**Be amended to read:**

- 4.2 A Judge who has judged a Breed or Breeds or Classes of Breed or Breeds (other than Special Prize Classes) at a Show recognised by any Member Body of ANKC shall not, (except in Classes of Special Prizes) or, otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors):-
- (a) (i) Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within ~~250~~ 200 kilometres by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than ~~four (4)~~ three (3) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Judges Contracts received by the Office of DOGS NSW after 1 July 2020 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (08/25)
- (ii) **Deleted 06/22**
- (iii) **An Emergency Judge means a Judge appointed to judge at a show either during the show or no earlier than 72 hours before the scheduled start of the show due to the illness or other unavailability of the Judge originally appointed to judge at the show. (08/25)**

**CARRIED**

S Oliver, G Vernon ABSTAINED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Recommendation 6, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clauses 4.3, which currently reads:-

- 4.3 (a) A Judge may not judge General Specials at any All Breeds Show being held in the Metropolitan Region or in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Wollongong & Shellharbour Local Government Areas of NSW, sooner than three (3) months after having done so at another show held within 200 kilometres, by the shortest road, of that subsequent show. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>) or otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. (02/19)

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- (b) A Judge may not judge General Specials at any All Breeds Show being held outside the Metropolitan Region or in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Wollongong & Shellharbour Local Government Areas of NSW, within one (1) month after having done so at another show held within 250 kilometres, by the shortest road, of that subsequent show. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>) or otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. (02/20)

**Be amended to read:-**

- 4.3 (a) A Judge may not judge General Specials at any All Breeds Show ~~being held in the Metropolitan Region or in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Wollongong & Shellharbour Local Government Areas of NSW,~~ **sooner than three (3) months sooner than two (2) months** after having done so at another show held within 200 kilometres, by the shortest road, of that subsequent show. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>) or otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. (02/19)
- ~~(b) A Judge may not judge General Specials at any All Breeds Show being held outside the Metropolitan Region or in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Wollongong & Shellharbour Local Government Areas of NSW, within one (1) month after having done so at another show held within 250 kilometres, by the shortest road, of that subsequent show. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>) or otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. (02/20)~~

**CARRIED**

**3.4.7 Recommendation 7 – Item 5.6: Judges’ Workload & Efficiency**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 7, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** a reminder be published in the Weekly Woof in regards to Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5: Conformation Show, Clause 3.3.1.1, which reads as follows:-

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3.3.1.1 Judging time should be not less than 30 catalogued dogs per hour.

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Judges should be encouraged to endeavour to judge no less than 30 catalogued dogs per hour.

**CARRIED**

The amendment became the Motion and the Motion was

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Judges Committee meeting held on 28 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.5 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – July 2025**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.5.2 Serious Animal Welfare Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**3.6 Company Secretary's Report**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Company Secretary's Report be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.7 Aggressive Dogs Committee – 23/7/2025**

**3.7.1 Meeting 23/7/2025**

*N Curwen joined meeting @ 3.00pm*

**3.7.1.7 DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 14.10(b) & (c) - AMENDMENT**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** Recommendation 8, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 14.10, Clause (b) be amended and a new Clause (c) be inserted as follows:-

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**Currently reads:-**

14.10(b) *It is the obligation of any person at a show who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident either orally or in writing to a member of the Show Committee as soon as possible after the incident.*

**Be amended to read:-**

14.10(b) It is the obligation of any person at a show **or event** who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident either orally or in writing to a member of the Show **or Club** Committee as soon as possible after the incident.

**New Clause (c)**

14.10(c) **If the incident causes serious damage to the victim who, subsequently, requires immediate medical attention, the local council must be informed. If it occurs out of council hours the police must be informed.**

and that subsequent Clauses (numbered (c) through to (o)) be re-numbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED L Brown

**THAT** the Finance Committee be requested to investigate the possibility of funding microchip scanners for Clubs and/or Regions in respect of identifying dogs involved in aggressive dog incidents by microchip.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Minutes of the Aggressive Dog Committee meeting held on 23 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*K Hedberg BVSc, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

**3.7.2 Meeting 6/8/2025**

**3.7.2.2 Aggressive Dogs Regulations & Guidelines**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Office email DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section in its entirety along with the Aggressive Dogs Regulations & Guidelines to every Affiliated Club with the message that they must familiarise themselves with this before any event they host.

**CARRIED**

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MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Show Committee be requested to consider an endorsement on the Show Schedule when submitted for approval indicating that the Affiliate has a copy of the Aggressive Dog Regulations & Guidelines available.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Minutes of the Aggressive Dog Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*K Hedberg BVSc, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

**3.7.3 Aggressive Dog Appeals Panel**

**3.7.3.1 Meeting 17/7/2025**

**3.7.3.2 Meeting 18/7/2025**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Minutes of the Aggressive Dog Appeal Panel meeting held on 18 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.8 Honours Working Party – 22/7/2025**

**3.8.1 Distinguished Service Award**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 1 be **approved**:-

**CARRIED**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4.2 Webinar on AGMs and Regulations**

Director A McIlrath suggested that Director C Rafton be requested to conduct short webinars for Affiliates on both the conduct of AGMs and DOGS NSW Regulations.

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## 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### 5.1 Implementation of Objects for Affiliates (Refer Item 8.3.1-BOD Minutes 9/7/2025)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Board thanks be conveyed to the Convenor of the Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party for her efforts and she be advised that the Board is endeavouring to seek advice from the Honorary Solicitor and will advise Affiliates when that advice is received. Further, that a Notice will be placed in the Weekly Woof advising Affiliates that the "Objects" have been amended and what they need to do in that regard.

**CARRIED**

## 6. JUDICIAL MATTERS

### **OPEN MEETING**

## 7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 7.1 Legality of Sweepstakes Judges

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.18(viii), which currently reads as follows:-

*12.18(viii) The test for compliance with this Regulation applies in respect of each of the Judges of Sweepstakes Classes, Breed Classes, Group Specials and General Specials. (08/15)*

**Be amended to read:-**

*12.18(viii) The test for compliance with this Regulation applies in respect of each of the Judges of Sweepstakes Classes, Breed Classes, Group Specials and General Specials  
**who have issued breed Challenges on the day of the show or any day of a cluster show. (08/25)***

**CARRIED**

Meeting recessed @ 4.09pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.24pm

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**8. MONTHLY REPORTS**

**\*\*Monthly Reports received to date were distributed to Directors via the next Electronic Board Agenda with the following exceptions:-**

**8.1 Agility Committee – 21/7/2025**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Recommendations 1, 2 & 3 and the Note for the Board, which read as follows, be approved:-

**8.1.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 4.1: Social Media Use – Sharing Trial Information**

**8.1.1.1 Recommendation 1**

**THAT** an additional clause be added to DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 5: Catalogue and Show Schedule, numbered 5.7, as follows:-

5.7 All information relevant to a trial - including schedules, Judge changes, course maps, run orders, venue details and time changes - should be shared either:-

- On a publicly accessible Facebook page, and/or
- Via email to all competitors, using the entry platform where this is technically feasible.

For any trials with capped entries, the following should be clearly stated in the publicly available schedule:-

- That entries are capped,
- The planned date and time entries will open (the Club has the right to change these details if needed),
- The platform through which entries must be submitted.

**8.1.1.2 Recommendation 2**

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 5: Catalogue and Show Schedule, be amended by the inclusion of an additional Clause, numbered 5.3(x), to read:

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- 5.3 A Journal Advertisement Form for any Recognised Show must be sent to the DOGS NSW Secretary with the Draft Schedule which, at the expense of the body conducting such Show, may be published at least once in the Journal. Such notice shall contain at least the following information: **(07/24)**

**(x) all other relevant information required when conducting the show or a Sporting discipline event**

**CARRIED**

8.1.1.3 **Recommendation 3**

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 5: Catalogue and Show Schedule, be amended by the inclusion of an additional Clause, numbered 5.2(c), to read:-

- 5.2 A Show Schedule shall not be:

**(c) published only on a private social media page where access to all interested exhibitors/trailers can be restricted; if publishing on multiple sites, it needs to be done at the same time.**

**CARRIED**

8.1.2 **Note for Board – Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Board notes the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates.

**CARRIED**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 21 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.2 **Agility Judges Committee-5/8/2025**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 5 August 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.3 **Conformation Judges Training Committee – 16/7/2025**

8.3.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.2: Clipboard with Storage**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 1 **NOT** be approved.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Charnock, V Harris, S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

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8.3.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 5.3: Trainee Judges Program (1st and Subsequent Groups)**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 2 **NOT** be approved and be **REFERRED** back to the Conformation Judges Training Committee with the Board's view that we encourage continued education.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Charnock, V Harris, S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

8.3.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 5.4: Continuing Trainees**

8.3.3.1 **Recommendation 3A**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** Recommendation 3A, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-Conformation Judges Education Program (CJEP) be amended as follows:

**Currently Read**

**10.15** Should a Trainee not achieve a pass result in a Practical Examination, then to qualify to take a further Group Practical Examination a Trainee Judge **must judge a further fifty (50) dogs at Field Events, Open Shows and Sweepstakes or personally with a MENTOR and examine and critique a further twenty five (25) dogs concurrent with the training program** in progress, in accordance with Clause 6.1.2, above, and submit the approved enrolment form, accompanied by the requirements of this Clause. They may then attempt the next available Practical Examination in that training Program.

**Be amended to:**

**10.15** Should a Trainee not achieve a pass result in a Practical Examination, then to qualify to take a further Group Practical Examination a Trainee Judge **must enrol as a Continuing Trainee, judge a further fifty (50) dogs at Field Events, Open Shows and Sweepstakes or personally with a MENTOR and examine and critique a further twenty five (25) dogs concurrent with the training program** in progress, in accordance with Clause 6.1.2, above, and submit the approved enrolment form, accompanied by the requirements of this Clause. They may then attempt the next available Practical Examination in that training Program.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Charnock, V Harris, S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

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8.3.3.2 **Recommendation 3B**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** Recommendation 3B, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Office send a letter and enrolment form at the end of each year to all members who hold an Open Show status and advise if they do not enrol for the Practical Examination, their Open Show status will be removed.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Charnock, V Harris, S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

8.3.3.3 **Recommendation 3C**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** Recommendation 3C **NOT** be accepted.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Charnock, V Harris, S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

8.3.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 5.6: Mentors**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Recommendation 4 **NOT** be accepted and **REFERRED** back to Conformation Judges Training Committee to elaborate on/define the criteria as to who and what makes a breed expert.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Charnock, V Harris, S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 16 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.4 **Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party – 1/7/2025**

8.4.1 **Application for Affiliation – All Star Dog Sports**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the application for affiliation from the All Star Dog Sports be **approved**.

**CARRIED**

8.5 **Library & Archives Committee 9/7/2025**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 9 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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8.6 **Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee – 23/7/2025**

8.6.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 4.1: SprintDog™ Representative**

MOVED C Rafton  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** Recommendation 1 **NOT** be approved.

**CARRIED**

8.6.2 **Note for Board – Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED S Oliver  
SECONDED S McFadden  
**THAT** the Board notes the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates.

**CARRIED**

8.6.3 **Recommendation 2 – Item 8.7: SprintDog™ - Age of Dogs**

MOVED S Oliver  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges – Performance Disciplines be amended as follows:

**Currently reads:**

4.2(a) A Judge shall not:-

- (vi) act as a handler of an exhibit or exhibit a dog in a Lure Coursing Meet at which he officiates as a Judge. (05/18)

**Be amended to read:**

4.2(a) A Judge shall not:-

- (vi) act as a handler of an exhibit or exhibit a dog in a Lure Coursing Meet **or Sprint Dog™ Trial** at which he officiates as a Judge. **(08/25)**

**CARRIED**

8.6.4 **Recommendation 3 – Item 9.2: Solid Jumps**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED S McFadden  
**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the DOGS NSW Solid Jumps be looked at and be replaced if they are warped.

**CARRIED**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED J Bryson  
**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 23 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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8.7 **Public Relations Committee – 1/8/2025**

8.7.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1: 2026 Canine Sports Spectacular Date**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved:-**

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Public Relations Committee be approved to hold the Canine Sports Spectacular on **7 March 2026**.

**CARRIED**

8.7.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 6.3: New Committee Member**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved:-**

**THAT** Mrs K Purkis be approved to join the DOGS NSW Public Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 1 August 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.8 **Regional Committees Working Party**

*The Board noted that this Working Party did not meet.*

8.8.1 **New Committee Member – M Eather**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Ms Mary Eather be appointed as a member of the Regional Committees Working Party.

**CARRIED**

8.9 **Retrieving & Field Trials Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

8.9.1 **Resignation of Chair**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the resignation of Mr Brad Leggett as Chair and member of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee be accepted with regret.

**CARRIED**

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8.9.2 **Nominations for Chair**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** Mr P Betteridge be appointed as Chair of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee.

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock, V Harris ABSTAINED*

8.10 **RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity**

8.10.1 **Meeting 7/7/2025**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity meeting held on 7 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.10.2 **Meeting 13/7/2025**

8.10.2.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 1.1: Production of Annual Report**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** an Annual Report be produced noting the following:-

- President's report.
- Annual activity statement to be the basis for this report. Thus, a January 2026 date for the initial publication.
- Report on activities for the previous year.
- Publish on the website.
- 6 monthly Reports for the weekly woof

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity meeting held on 13 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown ABSTAINED*

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8.11 Show Committee – 23/7/2025

8.11.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 4.6: Bathurst AH&P Association

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED V Harris

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Board approve of Bathurst AH&P Association being able to run a Championship Show on 2 May and Group show on 3 May which is outside of DOGS NSW Regulations. This is the largest Regional Agricultural Show; it runs over 3 days and provides excellent exposure for pure bred dogs to the general public; they host an Obedience Trial on the Friday and are wanting the potential for Conformation Shows both Saturday & Sunday.

**CARRIED**

8.11.2 Note for Board – Approval of Show Dates

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Board notes the Committee's decisions in relation to Show Dates.

**CARRIED**

8.11.3 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.3: Bulahdelah Show Society

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** Special dispensation be granted for Bulahdelah Show Society to hold its Championship show separate to the Ag Show due to the fact that the Ag Society only gave them 2 months' notice of the change of date, Judges, etc, have already been planned.

**CARRIED**

8.11.4 Recommendation 3 – Item 9.7: Fast N Furious Shows – 2026

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** Show dates for the 2026 Fast N Furious come through to the Show Committee for approval - **subject to consideration being given in an expedient manner.**

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, V Harris ABSTAINED*

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 23 July 2025 be **received.**

**CARRIED**

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8.12.5 **Show & Administration Training**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Show Committee be required to conduct Show and Administration Training for Affiliates, via webinars, etc.

**CARRIED**

8.12 **Sporting Committee – 15/7/2025**

8.12.1 **Note for Board – Approval of Trial/Test Dates**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Board notes the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial/Test Dates.

**CARRIED**

8.12.2 **Recommendation 1 – Item 8.2.1: Earthdog Judge, Mrs S Causer**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** Mrs S Causer be approved as an Earthdog Judge effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 15 July 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.12.1 **Sheep Manager – Resignation**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the resignation of Ms Kathryn Griffith as Sheep Manager be accepted with regret and letter of thanks for dedication.

**CARRIED**

8.13 **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

9. **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

9.1 **Minutes of ANKC Ltd Special Board Meeting – June 2025**

9.1.1 **Summary of ANKC Ltd Special Board Meeting – June 2025**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes and Summary of the ANKC Ltd June 2025 Special Board Meeting be noted.

**CARRIED**

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9.2 **ANKC Ltd February & June Special Board Meetings – 2026 Dates**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the dates for the ANKC Ltd February & June 2026 Special Board Meetings be noted.

**CARRIED**

9.3 **Electronic Motion #214 – Recognition of Yakutian Laika as a Herding Breed**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Electronic Motion #214 seeking recognition of the Yakutian Laika as a Herding Breed be approved.

**CARRIED**

9.4 **DOGS NSW Agenda Items – ANKC Ltd October 2025 Board Meeting**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Agenda Items for the ANKC Ltd October 2025 Board meeting be approved and forwarded to Dogs Australia – subject to the inclusion of the further items approved at today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

9.4.1 **Lead-free Gating in Open Classes at the 2026 GSDL National**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Motion submitted by Dr Rob Zammit BVSc for the ANKC Ltd October 2025 Board Meeting be approved and forwarded to Dogs Australia – **subject to the requirement that “RINGS MUST BE NETTED”**.

**CARRIED**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - NIL

**MEETING CLOSED:** 5.50pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Electronic Meeting – Friday 26 August 2025  
Face to Face Meeting – Wednesday 10 September 2025 commencing @ 2.00pm

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